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In re Application of

THUROW, et al

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**METHOD FOR PURIFYING
PREPROINSULIN**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

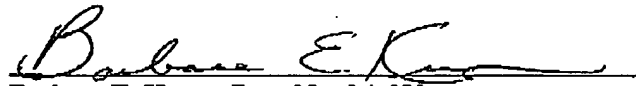
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of March 11, 2005.

In response to the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner in the above-referenced Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Group I drawn to a method for the chromatographic purification of preproinsulin of the formula 1, classified, e.g., in class 514, subclass 3+.

Per Examiner's request to elect a single disclosed species, Applicant hereby elects the preproinsulin characterized by SEQ ID NO.:3. Claims 1, 3 and 6-7 are readable thereon.

A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,



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